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C O N F I D E N T I A L LOURENCO MARQUES 1188

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SUBJECT: GPRM EXPELS THREE PORTUGUESE DIPLOMATS

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1. PORTUGUESE COUNSELOR LUIS ALBUQUERQUE AND SECOND SECRETARY GIL SALDANHA CALLED UNEXPECTEDLY NOV 6 TO SHOW COPY OF FOREIGN MINISTRY LETTER WHICH EXPELS THEM AND SECOND SECRETARY ANTONIO MARTINS DE CRUZ FROM MOZAMBIQUE. THREE DIPLOMATS WERE GIVEN 72 HOURS TO LEAVE COUNTRY IN LETTER SIGNED BY INFORMATION MINISTER JORGE REBELO ON BEHALF OF TRAVELLING FOMIN CHISSANO. THREE EMPLANNING FOR LISBON NOV. 7.

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WM LETTER CHARGED THAT "CERTAIN PORTUGUESE CITIZENS SERVING

AT THE PORTUGUESE EMBASSY IN MOZAMBIQUE SHOW DISRESPECT AND PRACTICE ACTS OFFENSIVE TO THE SOVEREIGNTY OF MOZAMBIQUE AND COMPORT THEMSELVES IN A WAY WHICH SHOWS INTENT TO SABOTAGE THE GOOD RELATIONS BETWEEN MOZAMBIQUE AND PORTUGAL". LETTER FURTHER STATED THAT IN ORDER TO "AVOID SPECULATION AND HARM GOOD RELATIONS BETWEEN PORTUGAL AND MOZAMBIQUE", GPRM WOULD NOT PUBLICIZE EXPULSION ORDER.

3. VISITING DIPLOMATS EXPECTED STRONG REACTION TO THEIR EXPULSION BY LOCAL PORTUGUESE COMMUNITY, ALREADY UPSET BY FORCED DEPARTURE OF MOST PRE-INDEPENDENCE WESTERN CONSULAR PERSONNEL AND BY SECURITY SWEEP THIS PAST WEEKEND WHICH DETAINED MANY PORTUGUESE ALONG WITH THOUSANDS OF MOZAMBIKANS. (COMMUNITY ALSO AFFECTED BY WIDESPREAD RUMOR THAT AIRLIFT BEING PREPARED TO TRANSPORT 50,000 PORTUGUESE TO LISBON).

4. ALBUQUERQUE SAID RELATIONS BETWEEN GPRM AND PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT ARE TENSE BECAUSE OF LATTER'S REFUSAL TO COMMIT ITSELF TO TRANSFERRING SOVEREIGNTY IN ANGOLA NOVEMBER 11 TO MPLA. HE OPINED THAT GPRM MIGHT GO SO FAR AS TO BREAK RELATIONS WITH PORTUGAL. (WE CONSIDER THIS UNLIKELY). HE CLAIMED KNOWLEDGE THAT LOCAG PORTUGUESE RESIDENTS ARE "BEING HELD HOSTAGE" BY GPRM TO BRING PRESSURE ON PORTUGAL TO RECOGNIZE MPLA, BUT RESISTED EFFORTS TO PIN HIM DOWN AS TO WHAT MEASURES MAY BE CONTEMPLATED AGAINST PORTUGUESE HERE. IN REPLY TO QUESTION, ALBUQUERQUE SAID GPRM HAS SUPPORTED MPLA WITH BOTH TROOPS AND THREE AIRPLANES, WHICH, HE SAID, WERE USED TO FLY TROOPS TO ANGOLA. HE WOULD NOT BE MORE SPECIFIC. (WE HAVE BEEN HEARING FROM LOCAL SERVANTS AND GUARDS THAT GPRM IS RECRUITING VOLUNTEERS AMONG ARMY AND POLICE TO SERVE IN ANGOLA, AND THAT AT LEAST SOME OF THOSE APPROACHED ARE DECLINING ON GROUNDS ANGOLA'S PROBLEMS ARE NOT THEIRS.)

5. AS REPORTED REFTELS, STORM BETWEEN CAREER STAFF AND AMBASSADOR ALMEIDA HAS BEEN BREWING FOR SOME TIME. ALBUQUERQUE REPEATED ACCUSATION THAT ALMEIDA WAS "PCP" (PORTUGUESE COMMUNIST PARTY) AND SAID AMBASSADOR ATTEMPTED TO START HIS OWN PARTY CELL IN EMBASSY BY CHOOSING AS CULTURAL ATTACHE AND OTHER EMBASSY STAFFERS ELEMENTS SYMPATHETIC TO COMMUNIST PARTY. SAID PORTUGUESE FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS SUSPENDED APPOINTMENTS, HOWEVER. CONFIDENTIAL

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ALBUQUERQUE SAID ALMEIDA SPURRED EXPULSION AND EXPRESSED SURPRISE IT CAME WHILE PORTUGUESE OFFICIAL INQUIRY INTO SITUATION AT EMBASSY IS IN PROGRESS. ALBUQUERQUE SAID HE ALSO SHOWED COPIES OF LETTER TO EMBASSY REPRESENTATIVES OF UK, EGYPT, PRC, AND TRIED WITHOUT SUCCESS TO LEAVE COPY WITH TANZANIAN DIPLOMATIC CORPS DEAN OBED KATIKAZA, "TO SHOW HOW DIPLOMATS ARE TREATED HERE".

6. ALBUQUERQUE ENDED BY ASKING IF MISSION COULD ACCEPT COPY OF HIS "DOSSIER" OF EVIDENCE AGAINST AMBASSADOR FOR SAFEKEEPING BECAUSE HE WAS WORRIED ABOUT WHETHER HE WOULD BE ALLOWED TO LEAVE WITH ORIGINAL. CHARGE DECLINED.

7. ALBUQUERQUE FORMERLY SERVED IN WASHINGTON AND LATER AS U.S. DESK OFFICER IN FOREIGN MINISTRY (1972). HE IS VERY FRIENDLY TOWARD AMERICANS AND HOPES TO BE REASSIGNED TO WASHINGTON. ARENALES

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